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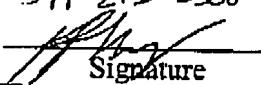
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

An extension of time is requested for a period of one (1) month to file this response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2007. Upon approval of this Petition, this response is due on or before May 12, 2007. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the required fee from Deposit Account No. 19-0610 (Reference Number 21.1268).

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2007 requiring Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement, provisionally electing to prosecute the Species A1 and B1, i.e. claims 1 to 31 and 35. Claim 1 is generic.

Amendments to the claims are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.